110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 599

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement processes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1	SECTION 1. STREAMLINING OF SAFETY ACT AND ANTI-TER-
2	RORISM TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT PROC-
3	ESSES.
4	(a) Personnel.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5	rity shall ensure that, in addition to any personnel en-
6	gaged in technical evaluations that may be appropriate,
7	a sufficient number of full-time equivalent personnel, who
8	are properly trained and qualified to apply legal, economic,
9	and risk analyses, are involved in the review and
10	prioritization of anti-terrorism technologies for the pur-
11	pose of determining whether such technologies may be des-
12	ignated by the Secretary as qualified anti-terrorism tech-
13	nologies under section $862(b)$ of the SAFETY Act $(6$
14	U.S.C. 441(b)) or certified by the Secretary under section
15	863(d) of such Act (6 U.S.C. 442(d)).
16	(b) Coordination Within Department of Home-
17	LAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
18	shall—
19	(1) establish a formal coordination process that
20	includes the official of the Department of Homeland
21	Security with primary responsibility for the imple-
22	mentation of the SAFETY Act, the Chief Procure-
23	ment Officer of the Department, the Under Sec-
24	retary for Science and Technology, the Under Sec-
25	retary for Policy, and the Department of Homeland
26	Security General Counsel to ensure the maximum

- application of the litigation and risk management
 provisions of the SAFETY Act to anti-terrorism
 technologies procured by the Department; and
- 4 (2) promote awareness and utilization of the 5 litigation and risk management provisions of the 6 SAFETY Act in the procurement of anti-terrorism 7 technologies.
- 8 (c) Issuance of Departmental Directive.—The
- 9 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, in accordance with
- 10 the final rule implementing the SAFETY Act, issue a De-
- 11 partmental management directive providing for coordina-
- 12 tion between Department procurement officials and any
- 13 other Department official responsible for implementing
- 14 the SAFETY Act in advance of any Department procure-
- 15 ment of an anti-terrorism technology, as required under
- 16 subsection (b).

Passed the House of Representatives January 23, 2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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